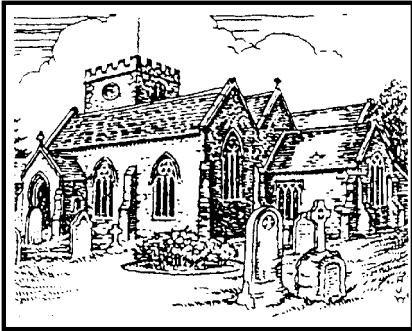
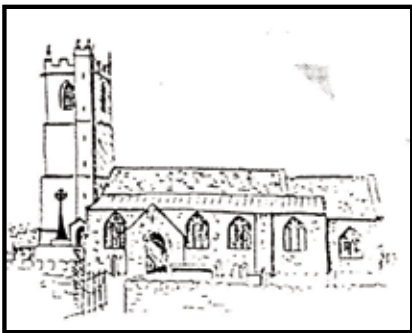


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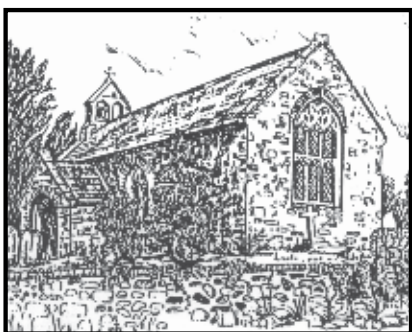
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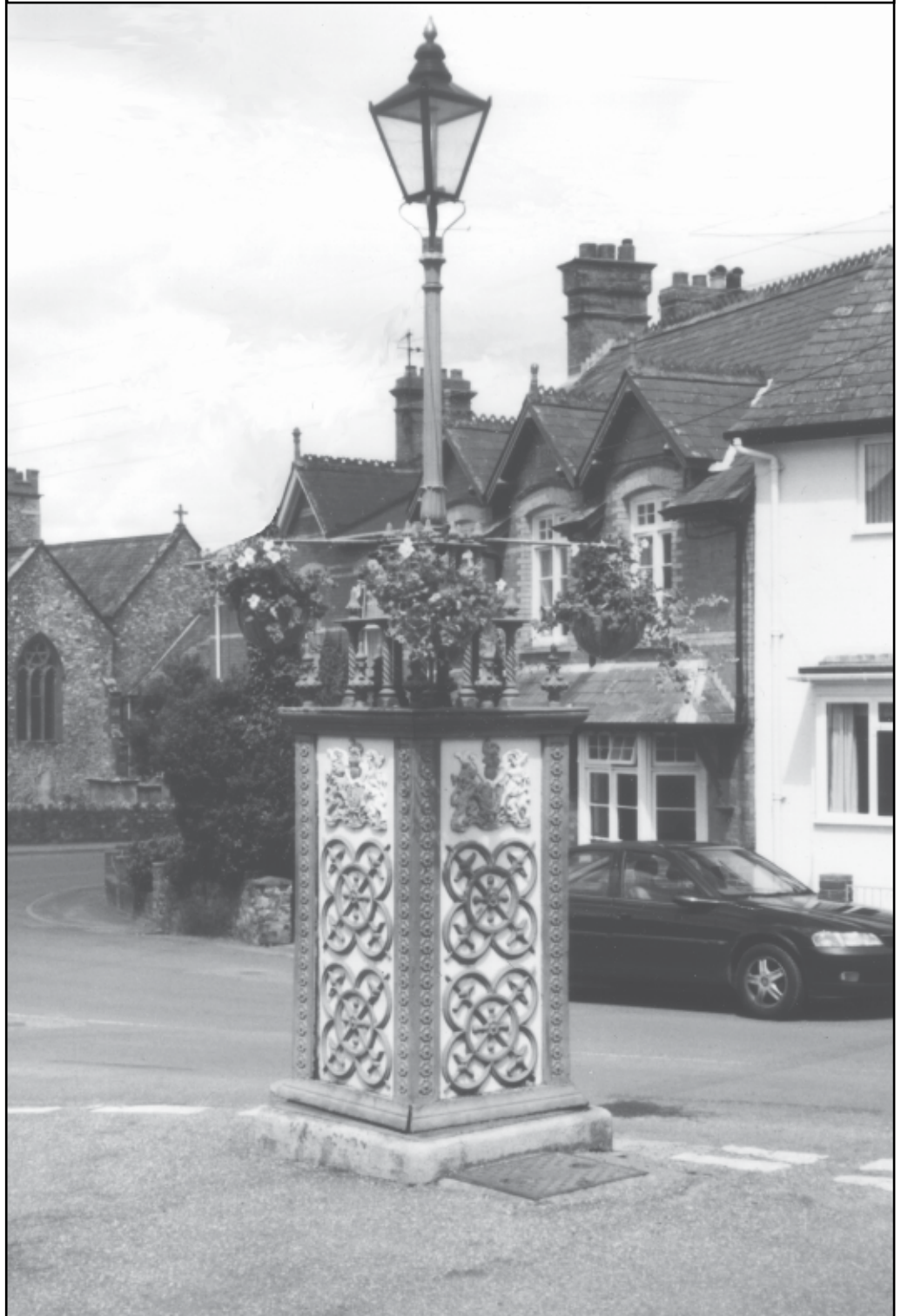


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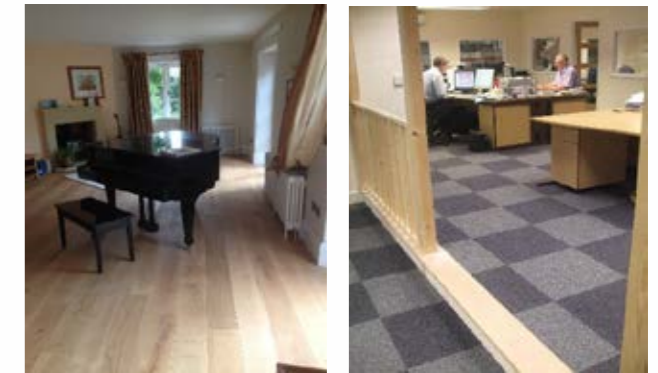
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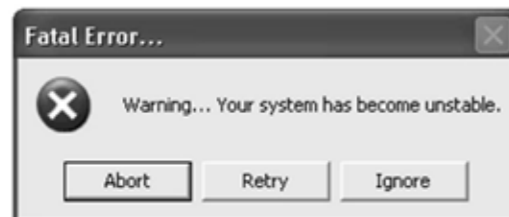
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Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary’s Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints’
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am FS	No Service	8.30am HC	10.00am HC
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	11.15am MP	9.00am HC	10.00am FS	3.00pm <i>Joint service at the Methodist Church</i>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11.30am HC <i>with imposition of Ashes</i>	<i>No Service</i>	6.30pm HC <i>with imposition of Ashes</i>	7.00pm HC <i>with imposition of Ashes</i>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	11.15am HC	<i>No Service</i>	3.30pm EP	9.30am HC
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	11.15am HC	3.30pm EP	10.00am HC	8.00am HC
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	11.15am MP	No Service	8.30am HC	10.00am HC
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10.30am FS	9.00am HC	10.00am FS	3.00pm <i>Joint service at the Methodist Church</i>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	11.15am HC	<i>No Service</i>	TBC <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	9.30am HC
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11.15am HC <i>Procession from Parish Hall</i>	3.30pm EP	10.00am HC <i>Procession from Church Gate</i>	8.00am HC
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Holy Week</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	7.00pm HC
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Holy Week</i>	7.00pm HC	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Holy Week</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	7.00pm HC	<i>No Service</i>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	7.00pm HC
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Good Friday</i>	12.00pm <i>Readings, Reflections &amp; Music</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April <i>Easter Day</i>	7.00am Sunrise Service <i>Greys Quarry Farm</i>  10.00am FC	9.00am HC	11.15am HC	10.00am HC

**Regular Mid-week Services:** Tuesdays - Morning Prayer, 10 am at All Saints’, Culmstock  
Thursdays - Holy Communion, 10.30 am at St Mary’s, Hemyock. Except 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 when will be held at All Saints Culmstock at 10.30am

**No Words Will Often Do**

Some years ago I stumbled upon an exhibition of work by the photographer Simon Norfolk entitled “For most of it I have no words”. It consisted of several series of square-format black and white photographs depicting scenes in various places throughout the world which have undergone various forms of genocide and mass killing: Rwanda, Cambodia, Vietnam, Auschwitz. Also included are scenes of Dresden and lesser known places of death: Ukraine, Armenia and Namibia.

I was so moved by this that I returned to the gallery and bought the book.

These stark, often beautiful compositions and landscapes as well as, for example, images of Rwandan classrooms full of decaying human corpses or a Cambodian monastery with rooms piled with bones evoke strong reactions. Often the stillness and emptiness of these killing fields photographed many years after the carnage instill a sense of deep emotion and the resolve that we must never let this happen again – but of course it does – and the sense of despair may overwhelm us.

Many of us are familiar with images of Auschwitz, the gas chambers, piles of human hair or as in another photograph, an ash pond.

We are less familiar with the entirely avoidable famine of 1932/3 in Ukraine where Stalin allowed close to 6 million to perish from starvation over a period of 9 months. One of the illustrations in this section is of a wooden crucifix with a woodpecker’s nest in the hollow body of the crucified Christ.

Another section of photographs depicts a snowy cold empty country where in 1915 the Turkish government killed about 1 million members of the Armenian minority. The Turkish government deny this episode and it was largely covered up to the extent that Hitler, in justifying his ‘Final Solution’ said “After all, who remembers the Armenians?”.

The photograph in this section that especially moves me is of a single telegraph pole in an empty wintery and windswept emptiness. The top is caked in wind-blown snow in the shape, which at first glance, appears to be a crucifix. Christ hanging and dying on the cross.

For me, as a Christian, I could perceive, the crucified and dying Christ in all the places depicted in such a moving series of photographic images.

And still that pain; that suffering, in our world goes on. Ukraine is still on the front line, but we see the pain of Yemen, of Syria; the homeless of Myanmar and also in many countries in central Africa and tomorrow it will be somewhere else.

And for us: for most of it we have no words.

We live in a world dominated by the noise of words. Everyone, it seems, has something to say about everything. We are flooded with words : on TV, social media, in newspapers, in video, online, at work, at the pub, at home – even, for those who come : in church. It can seem like a constant barrage. Even here as you read this – it’s words.

Sometimes we need to enable a word-free environment and allow ourselves to be open to respond on another level. For some this means being quiet, being silent, letting our souls be still. We can all do it. No special equipment is required – just some time, and a place to be – and a willingness to be in that empty space. Sometimes it can be quite challenging or even intimidating – but something worth giving a try.

It can be easier when you can share a time of stillness and quiet with other people.

An initiative sponsored by the Quakers, which you may wish to take up under the title ‘Drop in to Silence’, allows you to, just as it says, drop in and spend as little or as much time as you wish sitting with others in silence. This will be from 5.30 to 6.30pm on the fourth Wednesday in the month in the small meeting room at the Healthy Living Centre in Hemyock. There is no agenda and no expectations, except to respect the silence. You will find further details elsewhere.

We are fast approaching Lent – and maybe we can take this as an opportunity to find silence and maybe also to reflect on the cross, and where we see it in today’s world.

May God bless you.

*David*

## December Weekend

The centre of Hemyock came alive with colour and activity over the weekend with St Mary's church & Culm Davy Chapel Christmas Fair, a Lantern Parade and Christingle service.

David Bawler, Churchwarden, opened the annual fair held at the Parish hall on Saturday when he invited folk to "spend, spend, spend" as they visited the traditional stalls or enjoyed delicious refreshments and around £1,500 was made. A visit from Father Christmas and activity table kept younger visitors excited and occupied whilst everyone enjoyed the music supplied by Ron White. Shortly before the event ended everyone was invited to join in with carol singing.

Early evening saw a large crowd parade through the village with lanterns depicting wild life on the River Culm. Particularly eye catching, to the hundreds of villagers and visitors present, were two large and colourful lanterns of a kingfisher and white-clawed crayfish. Lanterns had been made at various village workshop, arranged by the Lights Brigade, which had involved the young through to the very elderly. On reaching the parish church spectators watched as a model crayfish crawled up the tower to switch on the Christmas star. Also taking part in the evening were the primary school choir and a samba band. Music and food were served at the Catherine Wheel with other takeaway food vans also proving popular.

Sunday afternoon saw almost 200 attend the Christingle service at St Mary's with a collection in aid of the Children's Society. To tie in with this Hemyock School gave a beautiful presentation telling how on Christmas Eve 3 angels heard different songs being sung by children in different circumstance – one moving from a children's home to a foster family and another about a child in Syria.

The traditional Christingles- an orange representing Christ as The Light of the World - were handed out to both young and not so young, a circle formed around the pews, lights extinguished and the first verse of Away in a Manger.

On leaving the church everyone was able to enjoy the numerous coloured lights that has erected by the Lights Brigade and villagers that had been erected prior to the weekend.

Janice Bawler

## Carol Service

Around 100 people attended the annual carol service at St Mary's Hemyock which was followed by mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread. At the porch door visitors were welcomed by two lit Christmas trees before entering the building which was aglow with candles along with a beautifully decorated 12 foot Christmas tree

Carrying candles the choir processed through the church before the welcome by Rev David Burton and the singing of the first carol 'O Come all ye Faithful' when lights were switched on.

Traditional congregational carol were interspersed with biblical readings, poems and choir carols which included 'Jesus Christ' by Rutter; 'Born on a New Day' by Lawson and David and 'There is no rose of such Virtue' featuring soloists Jenny Doble (soprano) and Sue Bennett (alto)

Following prayers the service concluded with the carol 'Joy to the World'.

Janice Bawler



Lights Brigade Parade: Kingfisher and Crayfish



Christingle Service



Christmas Fair: R-L Sue Lambert, Audrey Bugg, Mary Beal



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## Hemyock Singers Concert

Whether it was the opening music from *Phantom of the Opera* or the rousing finale of *Can You Hear The People Sing* from *Les Miserables* Hemyock Singers Christmas concert drew well deserved warm applause from the audience of almost 100 who, after the music, enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner at candle lit tables in the local Parish Hall.

Songs from *Phantom* included *Think of me*; *All I ask of you* and *The point of no return*. Entrances were good and diction clear throughout.

Member of the group Pat Keith acted as compere introducing each of the four musicals featured giving interesting details and anecdotes.

Included in the six songs from *Porgy and Bess* was the Singers very beautiful and haunting rendition of *Summertime* and the lively number *There's a boat dat's leaving soon for New York*.

The audience's feet were soon tapping away when songs from *Guys and Dolls* began – *When you see a Guy, Luck be a Lady, A Bushel and a Peck*, and *Sit Down You're rocking the Boat* were joyful, full of life, extremely well performed and greatly enjoyed by the audience. *What's playing at the Roxy* featured solos by Chris Hudson, Sue Bennett and Tony Bennett whilst Adelaide's *Lament* saw a strong entry by the small group of altos.

Under the expert musical direction of Matthew Bale and masterful accompanist Nigel Atkinson the group continued with the last musical to be featured *Les Miserables*. *At the end of the Day, I dreamed a Dream* with soloist Monica Smith, *Castle on a Cloud, On my Own* and the emotional *Bring him Home* followed by the finale brought a delightful musical concert to a close.

Janice Bawler

## Holiday Club

Hemyock Holiday Club 2018 will be from **6-10 AUGUST**.

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## St Mary's Church, Hemyock Weekly Lent Lunches in the Church Rooms



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**Ash Wednesday,  
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22 March at 12.30pm**

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Everyone Welcome!

### Bellringers to The Fore

In the last Pump we mentioned that it was discovered that during World War 1 some 1480 ringers gave their life for the country. In their honour the Central Council of Church Bellringers has set a target for 2018 of recruiting 1480 replacements. The Hemyock ringers held a "Come and find what it's all about" session in January to which several people came. In the meantime the local branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, of which the Hemyock ringers are members, has decided that there will be a major information day on February 24th. So we will be having another "come and find out" session on the afternoon of that day, in the Ringing Room from 2pm till 4.30pm. If the coming publicity arouses your interest then do drop in. Or contact our Tower Captain Lin Holway.

Brian Samuels

### Charity Shop Proceeds

As many of you know the Charity Shop has a session when we pass on to other groups some of our proceeds. This year we will do that at our session on February 3rd. Who are we giving the money to?? Come and find out!!"

Brian Samuels

### Lights Brigade Spring Dance: Don't Miss this!

We'd like to give massive thanks to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Lights Parade such a huge success.

That includes Jenny Parsons for filming, the Blackdown and Uffculme School Samba Bands and the Primary School choir for providing the soundtrack, the lantern makers and lights putter-uppers for lighting it, the Young Farmers for topping and tailing it, the caterers for feeding and watering everyone, the castle and church for providing the backdrop, Tracey our community policeperson and the stewards for keeping it all in order, the sponsors for supporting it, and all the wonderful people of Hemyock for joining in and making it an evening to remember!

Sadly all the lights have come down now. But we're not down ourselves, because we're looking forward to our next fabulous Spring Dance!!

If you've been before, you'll know it's a great night out. All the more so this year, because we have the hugely energetic and entertaining Los Albertos coming all the way from the non-stop party town of Brighton to stomp up a storm for us here in Hemyock.

Their guitar sound ranges from chicken scratch (must be a Brighton thing) to Carlos Santana. And while their infectious ska rhythms will get you up on your feet, the horn section will knock you straight back off them!

There will be a local support band as well, and a well stocked bar, plus cocktails. Admission is by advance ticket only, and tickets will go fast, so get 'em while you can!

Lights Brigade Spring Dance, Saturday 3rd March, Parish Hall Hemyock. Tickets £12.50 on sale from Saturday 27th January from Hemyock Spar. All profits to the 2018 Lights Parade and Christmas Lights.

Hemyock Lights Brigade - Tel 680351

### STOP PRESS! MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

St Mary' Church will finally have toilets after about 20 years of discussion – don't ask why it has taken so long, I would need several pages to explain.

BK Construction will start work w/c 19th February to demolish the existing boiler house to make way for the erection of the new toilets and boiler house. The toilets will be accessed from the interior of the Church but so this will also entail some internal reordering to ensure that we comply to disabled access criteria and to provide a much-needed social area. During the project the Church will remain open as normal but there will be no heating, so it is hoped that most regular services will take place in the Church Rooms or at one of the other Churches in our Benefice if necessary. Still to be decided. Any information about changes to services etc. will be posted on the external notice board.

Through donations, grants and fundraising we have been able to raise sufficient funds to go ahead with this work and complete the toilets. However, we still need some additional funds to complete the re-ordering to a section of the inside of the Church to make the Church more user-friendly for our current needs. We are enclosing a leaflet with this Parish Pump explaining the alterations and if you would like to give a donation, then this will be very gratefully received. We thank you in advance for your support and patience whilst this work is taking place and if you need any further information please feel free to contact us:

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### Thanks

#### Thank you 1

Thanks to your support of the Charity and Coffee Shop once again we can support local groups or charitable groups that support the village. Whilst with the Church Room redecoration we were not open so many times last year we still have well over £500 to pass on. Who to do I hear you say? Well we're doing it on February 3rd so come along and find out! And remember it's thanks to you for the items you donate and the items you then buy that makes this possible. So from the Charity Shop team - THANKYOU!

#### Thank you 2

If you read St Mary's review for the 2017 Annual Church Meeting you may recall that under the heading "Foodbank" it said that we would aim to get our donations up to the One Tonne mark during 2017. Well we made it! As of late December our donations had reached 1069kg. So THANKYOU to all you lovely people who put items in the boxes in the Church and Church room; and Thank you too from the staff at the Wellington Foodbank centre who report that we are one of the most regular of their donors. One is reminded of Christ's comment after he told disciples that they had been feeding him and they were non-plussed insisting that they had not done such a thing: "In so much as you do it to one of my brethren you do it to me". THANKYOU!


#### Thank you 3

Thank you to all those who have continued to donate items for passing on to refugees. And thanks also to Joclyn Pritchard who continued to act as our contact with the main centre in Taunton. With building work on the north side of the nave due to start in mid-February we will be moving the drop off point to the other side of the church. So it will be the FRONT pew of the south aisle that will be the new home for your kind offerings.

Brian Samuels

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## Hemyock Bowling Club

Members may be feeling starved of bowling action at present, but they now have some dates to look forward to for the start of the new season. Signing on evening, when members need to sign up for club competitions and pay their subscriptions if they have not already done so, will be on Friday March 23rd, and the green will open to members for bowling on Saturday April 14th. The following week, on Saturday April 21st, the club will once again have a stall at the Hemyock market, and there will be an open day for all comers to try their hand and see if they would like to join the club. Once again, membership is free for the first year to all new bowlers. Bowls is a game for all ages, where men and women can compete on an equal basis. All new members can be assured of a welcome, as the club continues to increase its membership. Details of the club and contacts for anyone interested can be found on the club website at [www.hemyockbowls.co.uk](http://www.hemyockbowls.co.uk), or on its facebook page.

In the meantime, work continues to prepare the green for the new season, despite the rather extreme attentions of the birds, which seem determined to try and excavate the surface, which last season, was regarded as one of the best in the area.

The club will continue to compete in the Devon County Trophy men's league, the Presidents Trophy ladies league, the East of Exe mixed league, and the Exeter Over 60's triples league, as well as playing friendly matches and enjoying club evenings on Friday evenings.

*Howard Barns  
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## Acorns

We are a club for anyone who prefers an afternoon meeting to an evening one. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.45pm in the Forbes Lounge. Annual subscription only £5. New members always welcome.

21 February: "Genealogy" (bring a family photo) with Mary Hyland.

21 March: "A Travel Talk" with Neil Punnett

29 March: Outing to Otter Nurseries and Sidmouth. For further details, please contact Joan Fewtrell 680674.

*Val White*

## Hemyock History Report

The talk on December 14th was given by Reg Howe of the worshipful company of Farriers. Reg lives locally after spending his career in London working with IBM.

The City of London has some 100 Livery Companies many with their own dining halls and are among the wealthiest groups of merchants who have operated since early middle ages. The rights of these merchant organisations are protected and are on display during the Lord Mayor's Show where the original Great Twelve Livery Companies are always present. Members of the other Livery Companies are invited from time to time. The Lord Mayor is always from one of these Companies and member rights are on display during the show as this last year when sheep formed part of the procession.

The historic wealth of the various companies accumulated over some 800 years is on display in the various Dining Halls where official functions are held. The Livery Companies support various charities selected by the Master for the year.

New members are invited from time to time to introduce innovative practises to ensure the merchant organisations maintain their relevance in today's business world.

These organisations have successfully survived throughout all the changes enforced on the Country over the years and no doubt will continue to do so in modern times.

The talk on January 12th was by our local Historian, David Pugsley on the case brought at Taunton Assizes of Jane Austen's Aunt for shoplifting in 1799. Mrs Jane Lee Perrott, was happily married with the beneficial estate to the value of £5k pa. The proceedings at the assizes is now recorded on the web site of the Jane Austen Centre at Bath. The manager of the shop at which the case centres used his two assistants to swear that Mrs Jane Lee Perrott was in fact in possession of some lace that had not been paid for in the shop. The oaths sworn by the assistants were sufficient to send Mrs Perrott to prison awaiting the next Taunton Assizes in March 1800. The Assizes resulted in several unfortunates being sentenced to death while Mrs Perrott was released upon the jury verdict of Not Guilty.

The next meeting on Thursday 8th February will be given by Will Partridge, the Finds Officer for the SW Heritage Trust followed by the March talk on March 8th by Mary Siraut of the Victorian Society at the SW Heritage Trust.

*Stephen Major  
Chair of Hemyock History*

## Chapel Café at Hemyock Baptist Church



Chapel Café is open every **Wednesday**, from **9am -11:30am**. Everyone is welcome to drop in for good company and light refreshments (free of charge). Any donations received go to support our mission partners around the world who do such a wonderful job helping those in need.

*We look forward to welcoming you soon!*



## The Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA)

**New Year news from the Blackdown Hills Business Association** 2018 is set to be another exciting and jam-packed year full of opportunities, workshops, training sessions, networking events, news stories and business development opportunities for your business.

Our Business Lunches recommence in March and will be touring different venues throughout the Blackdown Hills every third Wednesday of the month with special guest speakers, sharing their expertise and industry insights to help support your business and the local economy. Don't forget as members your colleagues are also invited to attend to learn, network and promote your business as well as enjoy a delicious lunch out and visit other BHBA members workshops and venues to have a closer look behind the scenes in their workplace! We will of course be promoting a whole host of specialist training workshops hosted locally by various organisations to help your business grow.

### Events – everyone is welcome!

#### February

- **Monday 5 to Friday 16 February** – Pop-up Business School: How to make money from your passion

#### March

- **Thursday 8 March** – Communication and conflict management
- **Wednesday 14 March** – CIPD Learn the true value of employee benefits
- **Thursday 15 March** – South West Business Expo, Exeter
- **Wednesday 21 March** – BHBA Business Lunch – Discover and plan your potential at the Honiton Show

Take a look at our Events Page for full details.

**NEW** [www.blackdownhillsinteractive.org.uk](http://www.blackdownhillsinteractive.org.uk)

*Step inside the Blackdown Hills  
explore, discover, connect and trade*



### Blackdown Hills Interactive

The online directory promotes local businesses including agricultural services, artisans, food and drink producers, health and wellbeing, places to dine, places to stay, places to visit and the professional services. The directory now also reaches out and supports the local community promoting places of interest, the online and printed parish newsletters and the essential community services.

If you own or work in a local business or provide a community service and would like to get involved please contact us for full details.

*BHBA Co-ordinator: Claire Stepney  
07826 581365  
[www.bhba.org.uk](http://www.bhba.org.uk)  
@BHBAcoordinator*

*Blackdown Hills Business Association  
BHBA, St. Ivel House, Station Road, Hemyock, Devon, EX15 3SJ*

## Friends of St. Mary's PIES & PINTS



## TARTS & TIPPLES



**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm**

**Church Room, Hemyock**

**No need to book**

**Just turn up**

**Food and drink for all**

## Mothers' Union

A few of us still meet in Hemyock and Culmstock and belong to this world wide organisation of the Mothers' Union. Many things are still going on all over the world. We give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.

We meet on a regular basis either in Hemyock or Culmstock. Our next meeting is in All Saints Culmstock 10.30. Thursday 1st February for Communion followed by coffee and a planning meeting for the year ahead. Do come and join us you will receive a warm welcome.

Thank you once again to the knitters, we still knit cardigans and blankets for the Prem baby unit at Musgrove Park Hospital. We still support St. Petros in Exeter who look after the homeless. We still give hats and socks, also they need sleeping bags and holdalls. St Petros have a facility for people to take a shower, so any towels, razors soap shower gel toothpaste and brushes would be very welcome.

I don't know about you but I can't think of much worse than being homeless especially in the winter. These people are homeless through no fault of their own.

If you would like to know more or can help in any way please contact Mrs Meg Palmer 01823 680467 or Peggy Whitcombe 01884 840628.

God bless.

*Peggy Whitcombe for the Mothers' Union*

## Hemyock Parish Council Business Update February 2018

Hemyock Parish Council held meetings in December & January. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

### Planning

Applications received for:-

- 17/01863/FULL. Castle Hill Farm, Castle Hill, Hemyock. Change of use of part of dwelling to create a self-contained unit for holiday and/or ancillary annex use.
- 17/01784/FULL. Land at NGR 313096 112069 (Agri-Parts Co.), Hemyock. Retention of access and track.
- 17/01796/TPO. 3 Castle Barton, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Application to remove 2 8m limbs from 1 Oak tree and a 4m dead branch from 1 Oak tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 91/00001/TPO.
- 17/01680/LBC. Culmbridge Farm Cottage, Culmbridge Road, Hemyock. Listed Building Consent for the replacement of existing upvc windows with wooden conservation casement windows.
- 17/01761/HOUSE. Culm Davy Farm, Culm Davy, Hemyock. Erection of outbuilding, garden shed and greenhouse.
- 17/01702/HOUSE. Downmead, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Retention of zip wire with raised platform.
- 17/02019/FUL. Land at NGR 311709 112380 Tedburrow, Hemyock. Erection of a stable block with feed store and hay barn.

### Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, VAT reclaim and interest.  
Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, subscriptions and audit fees.

The council has set the precept for 2018/2019 at £80,000, increasing the cost for a Band D property from £90.69 to £94.95 per annum.

### Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is

**0345 155 1004**. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

### Police

101 - The non-emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police  
Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. Always call 999 in an emergency.

### Footpaths

Anyone walking the public footpaths who notices a need for cutting back/clearing please let the clerk know as the parish council has a volunteer who is available to trim.

### Litter Pick

Can you spare an hour or so to help keep the village free of rubbish? Meet at 2pm on Sunday 25th February at the Parish Hall car park. Equipment provided!

### Devon Air Ambulance – Night-Time Landing Site

The lighting column has been erected at Longmead and the parish now has a site where the Devon Air Ambulance may land after dark. The scheme cost £5,875.14 with Devon Air Ambulance providing a grant of £2,983.12, thus leaving a balance of £2,892.02. The parish council has underwritten this amount but hopes that ultimately the community will raise this amount to support this worthwhile cause. Donations of more than £1,500 have already been received. Many thanks to individuals and to the 1st Hemyock Scout Group and the Peter Holway/Second Poor Trust. Anyone wishing to make a donation please contact the clerk.

### Defibrillators

When walking past any of the 3 defibrillators in the village please have a glance and make sure the green 'rescue ready' indicator is on. If it is red, please report to the clerk or directly to the number displayed in the cabinet. Annual defibrillator training (with Culmstock & Clayhidon) is provided by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust and will be held on Tuesday 30th January 7-9pm Half Moon Inn, please come along.

### Christmas Decorations Competition

This year's judge praised the effort made to make the village look so festive. The judge made particular mention of Pencross View and the fabulous efforts of the Lights Brigade. Congratulations to the winners:- 1st Prize - R Porch, 1 Higher Millhayes, 2nd Prize - J Matthews, Old Parsonage, 3rd Prize - Mr & Mrs Kingston, Fourways House and 4th Prize - K Bennett, 10 Pencross View. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition and for making Hemyock look so cheerful and festive.


### Vehicle Activated Sign

A Vehicle Activated Sign has been erected on Station Road. The sign is activated when an approaching vehicle exceeds the speed limit. The speed limit warning will illuminate on the sign to remind the driver to slow down.

### And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th February 2018. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at [www.hemyock.org/index.php?topic=parishcouncil](http://www.hemyock.org/index.php?topic=parishcouncil) and may be found on the two Parish Noticeboards located outside the Spar Shop and in the car park next to the Baptist Church.

Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN  
Tel 01823 680968 Email [hemyockpc@gmail.com](mailto:hemyockpc@gmail.com).




# Nosh & Knowledge

Quiz night with Cheese & Nibbles  
with Raffle afterwards and pay Bar

## Saturday 24th February

Hemyock Village Hall  
Doors Open 7.30 pm  
Quiz 8.00 pm  
£6 per person  
max 6 per team  
£100 first prize  
To book contact Katy  
07969 201979



## Hemyock Primary School

Hemyock Primary School wishes the Parish Pump community a very Happy New Year! We had a very enjoyable lead up to Christmas as a school community, enjoying a number of events both in school and out. A highlight of our Autumn Term was creating river themed lanterns for the Lights Brigade Lantern Parade. As the newly appointed Head Teacher at our school, I was wowed not only by the lanterns but also the fantastic sense of community shown throughout the project and at the event. It was a fun and educational event which I am already looking forward to attending this year! Our school choir sang beautifully to start the event and also at the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Rosemary Lane Chapel and to the Cameo Club. Our pupils visited Rosemary Lane at Harvest donating non-perishable goods for their bingo.

Christmas time allowed us to share the delights of nativity performances from our younger pupils in school and our older pupils at our Carol Service at St Mary's Church. We also all enjoyed sharing

Christmas lunch together in our school hall, cooked by our fantastic cook Jacqui Ritchie who has recently been nominated, and chosen for the final of the South West School Chef 2018! Last term, members of the community were also invited into school to enjoy a lunch which celebrated our learning during our topic 'Around the World in 80 Days'.

This term the children have begun a History topic which will give pupils opportunities to examine history in the village and local area and travel further to the Roman Baths, in Bath. We look forward to sharing this term's learning with you next time.

Mrs Catherine Willcocks  
Head Teacher at Hemyock Primary School



Christingle service

### Keeping Hemyock looking good!

#### Litter Pick

#### 2pm 25th Feb at the village hall carpark

- Could you spare an hour or two to help clear up litter in and around Hemyock? Sacks, grab sticks and hi-viz jackets supplied.
- If you know of an area that needs cleaning up or if you can help, please let me know, or just turn up on the day.
- Julie Steed [steedjulie52@gmail.com](mailto:steedjulie52@gmail.com) 01823 680787

## Upper Culm Twinning Association

### Twinning Visit to St Herblon 2018

Do you fancy a long weekend in the France with lovely food, wine and great company?

We will be leaving Hemyock with Redwoods Travel late afternoon on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** for the overnight crossing from Plymouth, arriving in Roscoff early morning. See below for price of cabins.

We then have a leisurely drive to St. Herblon, which lies between Angers and Nantes situated on the River Loire stopping for lunch at an interesting destination. We will then spend 3 nights with our French hosts; we usually meet up with other Twinners for evenings and days out.

We travel home on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May** for a leisurely drive up to Cherbourg for ferry to Poole.

The cost of the trip will be £120 per adult and £50 per child plus cabins.

**Cabin costs for 2018 - Please indicate your requirements:**

2 Berth cabin - £55 / 4 Berth cabin - £75

(You will require your own travel insurance)

Places are limited, so if you wish to participate please complete the attached form and return it with your **deposit of £50 per Adult** to Karen

**Full payment will be required by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

For more information contact [kazapinder@hotmail.com](mailto:kazapinder@hotmail.com) or 01823681034  
31 Station Road, Hemyock, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 3SE



## The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – What’s on

- Cameo Club** Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. Day care, activities and lunch for older people. Contact Tracy Howe for details on 01823 680687
- Bookworms** Every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in play session for parents, carers, babies and toddlers. Call 01823 680687 for details
- Phoenix Group** On the first Tuesday of every month 10am – noon, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana Cooper (01823 680175)
- Brightside** Every first Friday of the month, a day of activities, entertainment and good food for people who want to get out and about. Contact Janet Elworthy for information and to book on 01823 680687
- Memory Cafe** On the second Tuesday of every month, company, gentle activities and lunch for anyone affected by memory loss. Contact Janet Morison for information and to book on 01823 680687

### Classes:

<b>Monday</b>	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
<b>Tuesday</b>	Keep Fit (over 60)	10 – 11am	Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pilates	6 – 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
<b>Friday</b>	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am	Steph Leitner

Call 01823 680687 for further info and details of classes - or see our website [www.bhllac.org.uk](http://www.bhllac.org.uk)

**Complementary Therapies** Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, Counselling, Foot Care, Herbal Medicine, Homeopathy, Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology – all by appointment with individual therapists

You can find the Healthy Living Centre at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH

## Around Hemyock

A number of years ago crowds gathered here in September to enjoy the village carnival. Imaginative ideas were transferred to floats (not least by the Bowden’s and Churchill’s), groups and individuals along with a variety of coloured lights. A dance often followed when awards were presented.

Nowadays crowds gather to enjoy the December spectacle organised by the Lights Brigade whilst prizes are presented to the winners of the Parish Council Decorated Homes and Businesses competition. This year there appeared to be more colourful displays than ever lighting up the parish. There can be few who do not take pleasure from the hard work by all those involved whether it be a simple Advent candle lighting a windowsill, the parish church star, gardens and homes awash with colour or the brigade procession through the village. Many thanks to all concerned.

As always many will have enjoyed all the traditional events that have happened during December and January as well as services that have taken place at the Baptist Chapel and Parish Church over the festive season. It is especially heartwarming when the children from the primary school are involved. Their story told at the Christingle service was particularly up to date and poignant.

For a number of folk the last couple of months has found them unwell either at home or in hospital. We remember by name **Audrey Lowman, Diane Bradbeer, Betty Hill, Geoffrey and Irene Dearsley, Michael Palmer, Cora Doble and Wendy Baldwin**. There are also those who through age or infirmity we seldom see around the village any longer but all remain in the thoughts of many. Thanks go to the staff and volunteers at the **Cameo Club** who provide respite for families and days of enjoyment for the more elderly. As someone recently said, “I am so glad I live in Hemyock as we have such wonderful caring facilities. Compared to many places we are so lucky”.

**The Barton Family** would like to thank friends and neighbours for the help and support that they have provided over the past few months. **Louise Barton** passed away peacefully at Nynehead Court Residential Home on 13 December where she had been for her last 6 months. Louise had a long association with Hemyock that started in the late-1940s when she was a young woman living with her sister Molly at Hurst Farm. In 1950 she married Roy Barton and travelled to many far-flung places during Roy’s career in the RAF, eventually returning to Hemyock in 1974. Following Roy’s death in 2006, Louise took great solace from her friends and from her participation in village life, particularly St Mary’s Church and Brightside. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

**Margaret and Brian Wheaton**, neither of whom are too well at present, would like to thank all those who have sent good wishes following Margaret’s stay in hospital. They both miss being able to get out and about and send all good wishes to their many friends.

There appear to be a number of properties for sale of late so if you have moved into the village or moved homes within Hemyock we send you all good wishes and look forward to meeting you if new to the area. Like many we have had flowers blooming completely out of season but it is lovely to see the snowdrops around the churchyard and people’s gardens reminding us that Spring is not far off with Easter being celebrated on April 1st.

Elsewhere in the Pump there is an article about building work taking place at St Mary’s from mid February meaning most regular services will be held at the Church Room. That’s a relief to hear as if held in the church with no heating this time of year it would be jolly cold! Do look at the church notice board to check what is happening each Sunday especially for Mothering Sunday (March 11th)

This page often included news that folk would like to share – good news and some with sadness – so please email through anything you would like to be included to [jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk) or drop through the letterbox at 4 south View (bottom of the Recreation Field).

Following a long period with serious back problems and following medical advice Rev David Sherwood, Hemyock’s previous Rector, has taken early retirement from full time ministry. He and his wife Lizzie have moved from Ashburton to Cornwall were David plans to continue helping out in the Cornish churches once they have settled.

And finally... from the Hemyock news in the Cullompton Deanery magazine dated 1908 – The Bishop of Exeter will visit St Mary’s for tea and a social gathering on Feb. 21st prior to preaching at the evening service to mark the rehangings of the church bells.

Best wishes for 2018.

Janice Bawler  
[jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk)

## Hemyock WI

Hemyock W.I. were in seasonal mood at both the November and December meetings. They made decorations with Margaret Brotheridge in November and Christmas floral arrangements in December with Sue Hollow and Sandra Featherstone. The January meeting takes the form of the Birthday Party at the Catherine Wheel where the Reading Group hope to find time to discuss their book, ‘A Spot of Bother’ by Mark Haddon.

On February 6th the talk is entitled ‘Lighthouse Keeper’. The Competition is just something to do with ‘The Seaside’. March 6th is about ‘How well do you know your area?’ when the competition is for a local photograph. A competition for a ‘home grown flower’ happens every month.

Hemyock W.I. meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Forbes Lounge. More details from Lynn Taylor on 01823 680104.

Brenda Calcraft



**Hemyock Cricket Club**

# QUIZ NIGHT

With Quizmasters Tony and Vanessa on

**Saturday 21st April 2018**

**Parish Hall 7:30 p.m.**

**£30 per team to include food**  
(minimum of 4, maximum of 6 per team)

Tickets from Hemyock Post Office and SPAR or John Hurley Tel. 07972 744279

## £100 Cash Prize & Raffle




## Poet’s Corner

### Clear Night

Deep valley, hidden by surrounding hills,  
Dark; on moonless Winter’s night,  
And the silver singing stream runs down  
Reflecting wheeling stars above, so bright,  
That seem to sing creation’s song:

We can look, and hear,  
And sing along,  
And know that we’re not left in darkness, far away,  
But may raise our eyes  
To be ready for approaching Day!

David Palmer

## Hemyock Tennis Club

The club enjoyed another successful year with continuing members and new members finding or rediscovering the social and health benefits of tennis and the joy of just playing. We held our winter “Mulled wine and mince pies” club tournament on 26 November. The winners were James Maben and Ian Jeeves. Jerry Popham and Cameron Tonkin were runners up. Social and match tennis continues throughout the year with floodlight facilities to two of the courts for evening play.

The club weekly sessions are:

Thursday:	Club Night from 6.30pm onwards
Saturday:	Club morning from 10.00am onwards
Sunday:	Team Practice (higher standard, by invitation) 10.00am onwards

New members and fresh faces are very welcome at social tennis sessions. The club coach is Dan Sizer who can be contacted on 07951828760 or via email to [dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk](mailto:dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk). Website <http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk>.

Group Matchplay coaching for seniors takes place on alternate Thursday evenings for the first hour of club night if enough members want to participate.

Coaching sessions for the juniors continue through the winter with Dan on Thursday afternoons:

Red (under 8’s)	from 4.45 – 5.30
Amber (under 11’s)	from 4.45 – 5.30
Juniors (under 16’s)	from 5.30 – 6.30

The sessions for the reds and ambers may take place in the Millhayes Garage complex if the weather is unsuitable for court play (Coach will decide on the location on the day and contact players). Junior camps will again take place during the school Easter holidays with details to be provided by Dan nearer the time. Details will be put on the club notice board on the side of the pavilion. Private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly. The courts may be booked by non-members at the Spar shop in Hemyock. Charges are £8 per hour for seniors and £4 per hour for juniors. Tokens for the floodlights are available at £2 for each half hour. Visitors to the area please note the HOLIDAY SPECIAL OFFER - £25 for a family, playing as often as you wish, avoiding club activities (check in the Spar, Station Road).

Suzu Besant (secretary) 07857 747979  
[hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com](mailto:hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com) or [suzannebesant@btinternet.com](mailto:suzannebesant@btinternet.com)



## WHAT'S ON February 2018

Thu 1	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library	Mothers Union, HC 10.30	All Saints Culmstock, and future planning.
Fri 2	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00			
Sat 3	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Ch'ford & Well'ton Farmers' Markets	Hemyock Cricket Club Concert PH	
Sun 4				
Mon 5	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)			
Tue 6	Phoenix meeting BHLC	WI FL 19.30		
Wed 7	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30		
Thu 8	Taunton Farmers' Market	The Devil's Violin present "Stolen" at Sheldon Village Hall 19.30		
Fri 9				
Sat 10	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe Farmers' Markets	Hemyock Pre-School Bingo PH		
Sun 11				
Mon 12	<b>School Half Term (to 16<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 13	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Memory Café BHLC 10.30	Tuesday Group FL 19.30
Wed 14	Ash Wednesday, Lunch CR 12.30	Hemyock Gardeners' Meeting FL 19.30		
Thu 15	Taunton Farmers' Market			
Fri 16				
Sat 17	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market	Mobile Library	
Sun 18				
Mon 19	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)			
Tue 20				
Wed 21	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns Christmas Party FL 14.30		
Thu 22	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets	Winter Lunch CR 12.30	Ladies Fashion Show PH 19.30	
Fri 23				
Sat 24	Uffculme Farmers' Market			
Sun 25				
Mon 26	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)			
Tue 27	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00			
Wed 28				

	Hall	Forbes	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) / Arthritis Group Dance Exercise, Over 50's (GS) 11.00-12 md
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	7.15-9.45 WI every 1 <sup>st</sup> 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Group every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed	7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 <sup>st</sup> 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1 <sup>st</sup> week
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2 <sup>nd</sup> / History & Archiving 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Clayhidon History Group 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat <b>(Fri before Market ONLY)</b>		Pre-School (PS) / Seekers (BC) / Scouts (GS) / Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3 <sup>rd</sup>		

## WHAT'S ON March 2018

Thu 1	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library	Lent Lunch CR 12.30	Mothers Union Meeting TBC
Fri 2	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00			
Sat 3	Ch'ford & Well'ton Farmers' Market	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00		
Sun 4				
Mon 5	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)			
Tue 6	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10-12	WI FL 19.30		
Wed 7	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30		
Thu 8	Taunton Farmers' Market	Lent Lunch CR 12.30	History Group CR 19.30	
Fri 9	"Pies & Pints, Tarts & Tipples" FOSM CR 19.00	Lily Neill, Celtic Harpist performs at Sheldon Village Hall 19.30		
Sat 10	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe FM's	Short Mat Bowls TOURNAMENT PH		
Sun 11	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>			
Mon 12	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)			
Tue 13	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10-12	Memory Café BHLC	Tuesday Group FL 19.30	
Wed 14	<b>Pump Deadline</b>			
Thu 15	Taunton FM	Lent Lunch CR 12.30		
Fri 16				
Sat 17	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market	Mobile Library	
Sun 18				
Mon 19	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)			
Tue 20				
Wed 21	Tiverton Farmer's Market	Acorns FL 14.30		
Thu 22	Taunton & Honiton Farmers' Market	Lent Lunch CR 12.30		
Fri 23				
Sat 24	Repair Café AM PH	Uffculme Farmers' Marke	Taunton Vale Harriers Bingo PH	
Sun 25	<b>Palm Sunday Clocks Change</b>			
Mon 26	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)			
Tue 27	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00			
Wed 28				
Thu 29	Taunton Farmers' Market			
Fri 30	<b>Good Friday</b>			
Sat 31	Hemyock Bowling Club Quiz PH			

PH – Parish Hall  
 FL – Forbes Lounge  
 CR – Church Rooms  
 RS – Riverside  
 BC – Baptist Church  
 SM – St Mary's  
 SA – St Andrew's  
 ASC – All Saint's Church  
 CPH – Clayhidon Parish Hall  
 BHLC – Blackdown  
 Healthy Living  
 Centre, Millhayes

### Forthcoming Events

2018		
<b>April</b>		
Sun	01	Easter Sunday
Mon	02	Bank Holiday
Sat	07	Gardeners' Club Spring Show, PH
Sat	14	Gardeners' Plant Swap, FL, am
Sat	14	Hemyock Pre- School Dance, PH
Mon	16	School Summer Term begins
Sat	21	Hemyock Cricket Club Quiz Night, PH
Fri	27	Hemyock Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
<b>May</b>		
Sat	26	Repair Cafe, am, PH
Mon	28	Spring Bank Holiday
<b>June</b>		
Fri	08	Hemyock Pre-School Quiz, PH
Sat	09	Guide Dogs Coffee Morning, FL
Sat	23	Hemyock Pre-School Race Night, PH

If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the "Forthcoming Events", please notify Sue Lambert: 680664 or sueliz.lambert@virgin.net by the "Pump" deadline date (This may stop too many clashes of dates!).

### Parish Pump Deadline

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#### Thursday (once a month, Week 4)

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#### Saturdays (once a month, Week 2)

Hemyock Parish Hall 9.45 – 12.15

Also found on: [www.devon.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.devon.gov.uk/libraries)

### Hemyock Gardeners' Association

A very Happy New Year to you all - a rather miserable start to the year with all the rain and winds but, hopefully, it can only get better. Despite the dreadful weather there are daffodil buds appearing on the bulbs under the apple tree - hopefully we don't get snow to frighten them away!!

As usual, our first event in January was the Social Evening which was well attended and enjoyed by all. We are now using the Main Hall and made use of the new screens provided by the Parish Hall Committee. They appeared to work really well and certainly gave us a lot more room for serving food and drinks. The evening got off to a great start with a wonderful monologue, delivered by Roger Lambert, on a subject we don't hear too much about, Brexit!!!! Brenda had been her usual industrious self and provided us with both gardening and dingbats quizzes. A raffle and a superb assortment of food provided by members rounded off a very enjoyable evening - a good and sociable way to start off the New Year.

At our meeting on 14th February we have Helen Kearney talking about Herbs and Medicinals with Helen and Jane providing the teas.

The Spring Show is on Saturday, 7th April, 2018 at 2.00 p.m. and the ever popular Ploughman's Lunches will be available from 1.00 p.m. The Schedules should be completed by the end of February and will then be distributed to members. Remember, details will also be available on our web page [www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk](http://www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk).

The following classes are open to non-members. Class 36 is for a Simnel Cake to recipe as supplied in the Schedule; (if you would like a copy please give me a call); Class 43 Over the Garden Gate - one photograph; Class 44 A Coastal Scene - painting; Class 45 A Decorated Flower Pot - any size; Class 46 Miniature Garden in a seed tray - Age under 8 years; Class 47 Vase of Mixed Spring Flowers - Age 8 years and over.

Following on from our successful weekends away, this year Jane and I have organised a trip to visit gardens in Cornwall, staying at the Lanhydrock Hotel and Golf Club - members will remember we stayed here when we visited the Eden Project. Our trip is full and, as usual, we just need to keep fingers cross that the weather is kind to us for the last weekend in June!!!

Look forward to seeing you all again on 14th February - as always new members will be made very welcome.

Judith Major  
(Secretary – 680746)

### Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

I am responsible for the "What's On" and "Forthcoming Events" in the Parish Pump.

When I put in what's happening into the "What's On" I go by the regular times that you've told me. There are occasions when I guess you may not be meeting at the usual time (Bank holidays, Christmas, New Year etc), but I don't know what your plans are, so I have to put the usual times in. This means, of course, that sometimes things are NOT correct.

I would be grateful if you could give me any information that will affect the details in the Parish Pump by the deadline. It does mean looking 2 months ahead which is not always easy!

I hope this will give the village a more accurate and up-to-date Parish Pump magazine.

Sue Lambert

Tel. 01823 680664  
[sueliz.lambert@virgin.net](mailto:sueliz.lambert@virgin.net)

**Note from the Editor:** If you have an event you want listed in the "What's On" calendar section of the magazine, please also notify Sue using the details above. Don't assume it will be done automatically if you submit an advert, copy or poster to me.

### New Six Week Course at the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre

As previously announced we are setting up a course called the Live Wise, Age Well Programme. It will run for one morning per week for six weeks and is aimed at anyone over 50 years who wishes to develop stronger resilience to cope with changes and challenging situations. There will be notices at the BHLAC and BSG once the start date and times can be confirmed.

The course aims to:

- strengthen your coping strategies,
- Improve your well being
- Celebrate the positive aspects of ageing
- Give you tools and techniques to cope better
- Support each other and have fun

If you would like to take part please call Diana Cooper on 01823 680175 or leave your name with Charlotte Botting at the BHLAC or telephone number 01823 680687.



### Happy New Year from Valley Arts



We ended 2017 with another excellent Christmas Meal at the Catherine Wheel, thank you to Geoff and all of his staff. Also thank you to Stuart for organising the DVD evening and Alice for making us welcome at her house and to Sam for taking the DVD, it was a lovely evening and a nice get together before Christmas.

Our AGM will be on Friday 6th April it is an open meeting and all are welcome, it will be the usual format – A short meeting in the Cornhill Room, followed by a meal in the Catherine Wheel. By popular demand we are having another themed evening on May 12th, this time it will be a 1960s theme. Tickets will be £10 per head and include a 60's supper and pudding, a 60's disco and a Babycham or Coca Cola welcome drink. Of course it will be fancy dress and we will transform the Parish Hall with 60s memorabilia. There will be a bar available and if you would like to book a table contact Caroline on 680854 or Gillian on 680047.

We always welcome new members, if you are interested in joining our group contact, Caroline at [cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk) or Sally at [sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk), it is very enjoyable and a chance to meet new people.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)



Invite you and your friends to a

## 60's Evening



Welcome Babycham or glass of Coca Cola

Fancy dress, 60's salad supper with a variety of home made puddings, 60's fun quiz, disco and memorabilia

Parish Hall May 12th 7.30pm-11.30pm Tickets, to book a table ring 680047

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Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers we look forward to seeing you soon...  
For further details contact Vikki 01823 680138 or Heidi 07771 771 980



## 1st Hemyock Brownies

We have returned refreshed from the holidays, with a short term ahead we are working on our healthy hearts badges and then looking forward to lighter evenings, for more outdoor activities. There is a trip to Noahs Ark Zoo farm at half term to look forward to.

We had a great term before Christmas which included everyone working hard to get their first aid and brownie traditions badges, walks , cooking, crafts, and discos.

We also had a muddy and slightly cold trip to the bear trail which was huge fun.

With all the girls coming from Churchstanton and Wellington school we are keen to have some Hemyockians to join in the fun! So if you know a girl aged between 7 and 11 who may be interested in the Brownies and would like to see what we get up they are welcome to come for an evening and join in. We meet in the church rooms every Tuesday 5:30 until 7pm (although sometimes we are out and about so best to check first ).

If you would like a chat please contact Anne Leigh-Mallory 01823 680691 annetumbledown@aol.com or via Facebook.

## Update on Paul Moralee

We would like to thank all who came to the amazing Italian meal cooked by Conrad Fielding in September, everyone said they had a great time. We also want to thank everyone who supported the a raffle in December with great prizes.

Paul as many of you know broke his arm in October, he was back on the snow 2 weeks later and training by November he is now fully recovered and the first race is in Czech Republic in January. He will race in Europe and Iceland. We thank you all for your continued support.

*Elaine Moralee*

## Longmead

**The Pavilion** is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings, the building is licensed to sell alcohol and has a large screen tv and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use.

**The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)** is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

### Hire charges

Pavilion - £7.50 per hour  
MUGA - £15.00 per hour

If you wish to book any of these facilities or would like some more information please contact Karen 01823 681034 or email kazapinder@hotmail.com.



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello, welcome to 2018! I do detect slightly lighter evenings as we move towards Spring and hopefully better weather for our scouting. You may have noticed, if you

look back at Pumps for previous years, that my reports are a little shorter for January, due probably to the dark evenings of winter as we wait for the Spring and Summer to arrive. I will do my best!

I hear from our GSL Andy that before Christmas they were doing the normal programme of activities, which were well supported by parents and scouts with the usual cooking hikes etc, but also metal foundry work and bridge building in the dark. The term finished with Christmas dinner - much singing and eating. Sounds pretty good! The cubs also had a great Autumn, mainly outdoors. They also visited the Fire Station in Wellington, the Police Station in Cullompton and the Ambulance Station in Taunton. They certainly get about and have a fun and informative time!

I have a copy of the Spring programme in front of me and looking through out of eleven meetings, nine are outdoors. No wonder we are, probably, the best group of scouts. I will write to our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls and tell him of our exploits and our upcoming fiftieth anniversary camp with our Danish friends in 2022. Perhaps I can persuade him to visit us in camp. He will have plenty of notice in his busy programmes!

Operation Snowdrift. Our scouts and explorers will be camping out in February, braving the elements. I am not sure what exactly they are doing or where, but I will find out and report back to you in the next Pump. Operation Snowdrift takes Old Rikki back to the early 1960s, when snowdrift first started with Skip Lowman. Rikki was a patrol leader back then and each Jan or Feb we went to Dartmoor for a weekend. We always found some snow even if it meant hiking to the high points of the moors. Some years the roads were hard packed with snow, but Redwoods coaches always managed to get us there and more importantly get us back! Hence the name Snowdrift, which is still used now for our winter exploits.

The whole group will be camping this year. In May Exmouth and Budleigh scouts have invited us to join their Woodjam 2018 camp. Also summer camp end of July into August, called Run to the Fun. More details next time.

As I said above quite a short report this time but I cannot leave you without "a finally" from Baden Powell.

This is not from Scouting for Boys, but an extract from Baden Powell's final message to all scouts. I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness does not come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in life. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are young so that you can be useful and can enjoy life when grown up. True happiness is giving happiness to others. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it, so that you can say you have not wasted your time here and have done your best. Always be prepared and God will help you achieve your goals. Signed - Your Friend, Baden Powell.

As I have said before, as true today as when it was written over 100 years ago. Nearly there, a date for your diaries, 22nd April - St Georges Day Parade and Service. Full details next time.

Kind regards, Old Rikki

*Old Rikki*



## Your Community Needs You!

The Blackdown Support Group aims to relieve sickness, loneliness and isolation by connecting local people in need with local volunteers who can offer them practical support. Those who are suffering from physical or mental ill health, who have disabilities or learning difficulties, or who are experiencing bereavement or the effects of old age can find themselves cut off in rural areas like ours, without access to transport, support services and social opportunities.

The BSG has over 600 people registered with us for support. We cover the 200sq miles covered by the Blackdown Practice. The services our volunteers provide include:-

- Driving – to appointments, shopping trips, social and well-being events, generally enabling greater independence
- Befriending - visiting those who may be unable to leave their own home or have limited social contact with other people, relieving feelings of loneliness and isolation
- Social events - lunch clubs, coffee mornings, carers groups, providing opportunities to meet friends and enjoy a home cooked nutritious meal
- Mentoring - trained volunteers provide a structured support programme for those who are struggling to re-integrate back into the community, perhaps after bereavement, an accident or long period of ill health
- Advocacy – providing support with filling in forms and paperwork to ensure people have access to the services or financial support they need
- We also offer short-term wheelchair loans and a disabled access vehicle.

If you'd like to find out more please get in touch, whether you would like to help as a volunteer or you may know someone who needs help, who is alone, feeling isolated or struggling to care for a loved one. Either way we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Elizabeth McNabb  
01823 681 036  
d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net  
www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk

## Ladies Evening Fashion Show with local models

Selling lots of pre-loved clothes to buy at bargain prices

Fund raising for Paul Moralee's GB Snowboard Fund

**Village Hall Thursday 22nd February 7.30pm**

Wine and soft drinks available and Raffle

**Price £4 to include the first drink**

*Any donations  
of clothes  
gratefully  
received*

Contact Elaine Moralee for tickets  
01823680119 or 07775760977

## Blackdown Support Group



The trustees, friends and volunteers of the Blackdown Support Group were sad to bid farewell to our Co-ordinator, Barbara Starkiss, at the end of 2017 when she elected to take early retirement.

Barbara came to the BSG in October 2003 having previously been Chief Officer of Age Concern, Tiverton and District for over 10 years. She was also a trustee of Action East Devon for 13 years, and Chair of that organisation from April 2015 to October 2016.

Barbara brought with her a wealth of experience in the voluntary sector, together with an enviable contacts list, and her experience and dedication were quickly recognised by all who worked with her. Her forthright manner, and often direct approach led her to be respected as a strong voluntary activist by those statutory bodies with whom she negotiated on our behalf.

Above all, Barbara was held in high esteem by the members of the Blackdown Practice, with whom we work closely, and by those in need who rely on our services.

At the start of 2018 Barbara is somewhere on the other side of the world, furthering her enjoyment of travel, and we send her love and best wishes for the future.

The BSG are delighted to welcome Elizabeth McNabb, who has joined the team as our new Co-ordinator.

Elizabeth is keen to 'get out there' and meet those involved with the BSG; be they friends, volunteers or clients, so you can look forward to meeting her soon. She is also keen to explore collaborative working with other groups within the Blackdown Hills.

If you'd like to find out more about the BSG, the services we offer or volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Contact Elizabeth McNabb.  
01823 681 036  
d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net  
www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk.

## Shero Tribute to Mrs Pamela Reynolds

The following has been received from Rebekah Bawler, a past pupil of Hemyock School, following it being posted on WomensEd, a grassroots movement connecting existing and inspirational leaders in education. Rebekah is Head of ICT at a secondary school in Wales

My Shero by Becki Bawler  
January 16, 2018 Becki Bawler  
@beckib77



The #WomensEd challenge of writing about my Shero has been set but I am not totally sure I have one particular woman I could give this title too. I am inspired regularly by so many brave, confident and strong women that narrowing it down to one is tough. However, I keep coming back to Mrs Reynolds, my primary school deputy head and teacher for two years. Mrs Reynolds holds a special place for me as I really think my wish to teach came from her – she was passionate about learning in its broadest sense: music, history, reading, travel.

She was an excellent teacher, I don't recall exactly what she did that was so amazing but I just know she was. Mrs Reynolds had us in costume for the celebration of the Monmouth Rebellion, she had us adding to the BBC Doomsday Project on the BBC Micro Computer we shared with the year 5 class and made us appreciate the joys of music on a trip to a Gamelan Workshop. Learning was experiential but along with that immersive experience came high expectations when it came to presentation of work and commitment to learning. Along with her full time teaching role, she was also the deputy head and had the "voice" and presence that went with that role – I didn't want to get on the wrong side of her! One lasting image I have of her is hymn practice assemblies when she played the piano standing up so she could peer at us all singing (or not!) over her spectacles which were attached via a cord to her neck (for fear of losing them) and shouting loudly at us over the music to sing up!

Thank you, Mrs Reynolds, for being my inspiration and my Shero!

*Rebekah Bawler, BSc PGCE MA.*

## "COWS" come to Riverside

The BHLAC will be holding another exhibition of paintings by local artists in the Spring. The theme will be Cows and farming of the local landscape. Acknowledging the dairy heritage of the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre which occupies the site of the former Milk Factory and St Ivel Social Club. There is a plan to extend this in to a larger heritage project in 2018.

Join us for preview evening with refreshments on Friday the 23rd February 2018 from 1900-2100. The exhibition will then be available to view on Mondays (1000-1430) and Thursdays (1000-1200) and by appointment with the Centre Manager at other times.

Funds raised from the commission of the sale of work will assist the centre to continue to provide Day Care and support to elderly and isolate residents of the Blackdown Hills and Culm Valley.

For more information or to arrange a view please contact Centre Manager Charlie on 01823 680687 or centre@bhlac.org.uk.

**Funding for community projects**

Do you have a project which will have an environmental, social or economic benefit?

The Blackdown Hills AONB's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) gives grants of up to £3000 to encourage individuals, community groups, schools and businesses to try to achieve a more sustainable way of living in the Blackdown Hills.

Find out if your project qualifies and apply for a Sustainable Development Fund grant:

Tel: 01823 680681  
Email: blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk

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## Hemyock Bus Timetables

### Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West  
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Mondays to Fridays						Saturdays												
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	—	—	0850	—	1115	—	1415	—	1715	—	—	0850	—	1115	—	1415	—	1715
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	—	—	0900	—	1125	—	1425	—	1726	—	—	0900	—	1125	—	1425	—	1726
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	—	—	0911	—	1136	—	1436	—	1736	—	—	0911	—	1136	—	1436	—	1736
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	—	—	0920	—	1145	—	1445	—	1745	—	—	0920	—	1145	—	1445	—	1745
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	—	—	0924	—	1149	—	1449	—	1749	—	—	0924	—	1149	—	1449	—	1749
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729	—	0930	—	1155	—	1455	—	1755	0729	—	0930	—	1155	—	1455	—	1755
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738	—	0939	—	1204	—	1504	—	1804	0738	—	0939	—	1204	—	1504	—	1804
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741	—	0942	—	1207	—	1507	—	1807	0741	—	0942	—	1207	—	1507	—	1807
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743	—	0944	—	1209	—	1509	—	1809	0743	—	0944	—	1209	—	1509	—	1809
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749	—	0950	—	1215	—	1515	—	1815	0749	—	0950	—	1215	—	1515	—	1815
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753	—	0954	—	1219	—	1519	—	1819	0753	—	0954	—	1219	—	1519	—	1819
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (W-bound)	0756	—	0957	—	1222	—	1522	—	1822	0756	—	0957	—	1222	—	1522	—	1822
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803	—	1004	—	1229	—	1529	—	1829	0803	—	1004	—	1229	—	1529	—	1829
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	—	0820	—	1020	—	1245	—	1545	1841	—	0820	—	1020	—	1245	—	1545	1841
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	—	0824	—	1024	—	1249	—	1549	—	—	0824	—	1024	—	1249	—	1549	—
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)	—	0830	—	1030	—	1255	—	1555	—	—	0830	—	1030	—	1255	—	1555	—
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	—	0839	—	1039	—	1304	—	1604	—	—	0839	—	1039	—	1304	—	1604	—
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	—	0846	—	1046	—	1311	—	1611	—	—	0846	—	1046	—	1311	—	1611	—
Colyford, opp The Elms	—	0850	—	1050	—	1315	—	1615	—	—	0850	—	1050	—	1315	—	1615	—
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	—	0852	—	1052	—	1317	—	1617	—	—	0852	—	1052	—	1317	—	1617	—
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	—	0857	—	1057	—	1322	—	1622	—	—	0857	—	1057	—	1322	—	1622	—

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Mondays to Fridays						Saturdays												
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	—	0900	—	1200	—	1500	—	1700	—	—	0900	—	1200	—	1500	—	1700	—
Seaton, opp Health Centre	—	0904	—	1204	—	1504	—	1704	—	—	0904	—	1204	—	1504	—	1704	—
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	—	0908	—	1208	—	1508	—	1708	—	—	0908	—	1208	—	1508	—	1708	—
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)	—	0913	—	1213	—	1513	—	1712	—	—	0913	—	1213	—	1513	—	1712	—
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)	—	0920	—	1220	—	1520	—	1718	—	—	0920	—	1220	—	1520	—	1718	—
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn	—	0929	—	1229	—	1529	—	1726	—	—	0929	—	1229	—	1529	—	1726	—
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	—	0935	—	1235	—	1535	—	1732	—	—	0935	—	1235	—	1535	—	1732	—
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938	—	1238	—	1538	—	1735	—	0701	0938	—	1238	—	1538	—	1735	—
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	—	0951	—	1251	—	1551	—	1746	0712	—	0951	—	1251	—	1551	—	1746
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719	—	0958	—	1258	—	1558	—	1753	0719	—	0958	—	1258	—	1558	—	1753
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722	—	1001	—	1301	—	1601	—	1755	0722	—	1001	—	1301	—	1601	—	1755
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725	—	1004	—	1304	—	1604	—	1758	0725	—	1004	—	1304	—	1604	—	1758
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733	—	1012	—	1312	—	1612	—	1806	0733	—	1012	—	1312	—	1612	—	1806
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735	—	1014	—	1314	—	1614	—	1808	0735	—	1014	—	1314	—	1614	—	1808
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738	—	1017	—	1317	—	1617	—	1811	0738	—	1017	—	1317	—	1617	—	1811
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	—	1027	—	1327	—	1627	—	1820	0748	—	1027	—	1327	—	1627	—	1820
Nicholashayne, Post Box (NE-bound)	0753	—	1032	—	1332	—	1632	—	—	0753	—	1032	—	1332	—	1632	—	—
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757	—	1036	—	1336	—	1636	—	—	0757	—	1036	—	1336	—	1636	—	—
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806	—	1045	—	1345	—	1645	—	—	0806	—	1045	—	1345	—	1645	—	—
Silver Street, Heatherton Grange Inn (NE-bound)	0813	—	1052	—	1352	—	1652	—	—	0813	—	1052	—	1352	—	1652	—	—
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0831	—	1105	—	1405	—	1705	—	—	0831	—	1105	—	1405	—	1705	—	—

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### Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

Destination	Time	Destination	Time
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HEMYOCK, Square	0912	TIVERTON, Carew Road	1321
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	0920	CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1323
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	0922	CHEVITHORNE, Church	1325
BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	0930	UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1332
WESTLEIGH, Shelter	0934	STAGG MILL, Cross	1337
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	0942	HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1342
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	0944	HOCKFORD WATERS	1348
HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	0950	STAPLE CROSS, Inn	1350
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	0952	HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	1352
HOCKFORD WATERS	0954	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	1358
HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1000	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	1400
STAGG MILL, Cross	1005	WESTLEIGH, Shelter	1408
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1010	BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	1412
CHEVITHORNE, Church	1017	CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	1420
CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1020	CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	1422
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1022	HEMYOCK, Square	1430
TIVERTON, Bus Station	1028	HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	1432

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## Are your Children aged between 2 and 5 years?

Hemyock Pre-School is providing opportunities for Pre-school aged children to learn through play, and to prepare them for the transition to primary school

With a warm, fun, well equipped environment and a team of fully trained friendly staff working towards The Early Years Foundation Stage.

We can provide, morning sessions, lunch clubs and afternoon sessions, for your children to attend. All children are entitled to 15 hours of government funding, starting the term after their 3rd birthday.

**For more information or to arrange a visit to Hemyock Pre-School, please call 680240 or email [hemyockpreschool@btinternet.com](mailto:hemyockpreschool@btinternet.com).**

**We look forward to hearing from you.**

**Play Leader  
Denise Wood**

Hemyock Pre School  
Parklands, Hemyock  
Devon. EX15 3RY

Member of The Pre-School Learning Alliance

Registered Charity No: 1030985

## Afternoon tea



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
14.30-16.00

The Blackdown Healthy Living Centre

For further information or to reserve a table  
contact Miki on 07944 433223



Traditional afternoon tea  
£5.00

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Prosecco afternoon tea  
£6.50

All profit raised goes to the children of Hemyock Pre School

The Blackdown Practice

Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

## Opening Times

### Hemyock Surgery

Mon – Fri 08:30 – 18:00 – *Please note the dispensary is closed between 13:00-14:00*  
Sat 08:00 – 11:00

### Churchinford Surgery

Mon, Tue & Thu 08:30 – 12:30 and 15:00 – 18:00  
Wed & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days  
Weekends Closed

### Dunkeswell Surgery

Mon & Wed 08:30 – 12:30 and 15:00 – 18:00  
Tue, Thu & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days  
Weekends Closed

If you require urgent medical assistance or advice outside of normal surgery hours **please call 111. In a genuine emergency you should call 999.** Chest pains and / or shortness of breath constitute an emergency.



**Do you buy from Suttons Seeds? New code for 2017/18**  
Get **35 % off** seeds and 10% off other items from Sutton Seeds while also raising money for Hemyock Scout Group. Just use the offer code **GC1003D** to get the discount and Hemyock Scout Group will receive a donation for every purchase made.

Visit [www.suttons.co.uk](http://www.suttons.co.uk) to have a look at the range of items available!

To find out more information about Hemyock Scout Group visit their website [hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk](http://hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk)



### St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

Our very best wishes to everyone for the year 2018 with peace and happiness and good health. After the joys of Christmas we realise how fortunate we are to enjoy so much tranquility and God's favour in our community.

At the Church, we have had many delightful special services starting with the celebration of St Andrew's day when people from Hemyock and Culmstock joined us. During December we enjoyed many Christmas services including the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols with refreshments to follow. There was also the delight of the children's Nativity and Crib service. Once more the patient 'donkey' carrying Mary into the 'inn' was a scene of expectation and reminded us of the reason for the joy of Christmas.



Nativity and crib service



The Christmas coffee morning

The Christmas Coffee Morning, the last of the year, was very successful at the Parish Hall. There were some beautiful stalls and the event raised almost £500. We thank you all for supporting us. The New Year has started with the annual Plough Sunday, giving thanks for our farmers and their commitment to the land and its heritage. We will be rejoicing with Rosemary Lane Chapel in January. Very soon in February it will be the start of Lent and a service will be held on **Ash Wednesday at 6.30, on 14th February.** The **Family Service for Mothering Sunday is at 10.00 on 11th March.**

**Family Communion on Palm Sunday will be at 10.00 on 25th March.** During Holy Week there will be **Holy Communion at 7pm on Wednesday 28th March.** On **Good Friday the joint service will be at 12.00 at St Mary's.**

We will be having a **Sunrise Service at 7am on 1st April, Easter Sunday.** The location will be in a high field in Clayhidon. It will be followed by breakfast in Hemyock. **Easter Day Communion is at 10.00 at St Andrew's.**

Having started with greetings for the New Year, we are already up to Easter celebrations. There will be baptisms and weddings to follow with more delight and anticipation.

We pray for those who are in ill health and for those who suffer from the cold. Let us look forward to the glory of Spring which will soon be with us once more.

Churchwarden

## BIG BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

9.00 - 1.00



Ring 01823 – 680481 to book your place.

Pay at the door.

Do come and join us. Everyone most welcome.

## News from Clayhidon

### Lanes Closed For Cable Laying

Gigaclear has started digging up Clayhidon's lanes and laying underground fibre optic cables and connection pots.

Part of the price of having among the fastest broadband speeds in the world will be weeks of traffic disruption, with many roads having to be closed, except for access.

The engineers seem to be ahead of schedule as the work in Battle Street has been brought forward from February to late January. The Bolham Valley remains outside the network.

For a list of closures and link to an interactive map showing where and when to expect disruption visit [www.clayhidon.org.uk](http://www.clayhidon.org.uk)



### Victoria and Abdul at Clayhidon Parish Hall

Judi Dench and Ali Fazal star in the Film Night choice for Friday 16 February. Victoria and Abdul (15) tells the extraordinary true story of the hushed-up friendship between the elderly and cantankerous Queen Victoria and Abdul Karim, a young clerk who had travelled from India for her Golden Jubilee. Her inner circle hated the relationship, and disapproved of her learning Urdu and the Koran. Lord Salisbury half expected her to start wearing a bourka.

Audiences have generally given the film high scores while the critics are divided. "Entertaining and poignant" said the Independent. "Rather fun in a royalist way," said the Guardian, while the Hindustan Times blasted it as "a disgustingly distorted look at the horrors of the British Raj".

But everyone seems agreed that 82-year-old Judi Dench is great – or as Variety put it, "she remains the world's most formidable pixie."

The programme starts at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00. Licensed bar and ice cream. Tickets £6, available on the door or in advance from [lucyball132@btinternet.com](mailto:lucyball132@btinternet.com) or 01823 680607.

### Scrooge's Tour-de-Force

Was it a coincidence that a deep chill blew into Clayhidon on 7 December at the very moment Ebenezer Scrooge turned up at the parish hall?

Actor David Mynne, in his one-man production of A Christmas Carol, played the grumpy old miser to a T, not to mention a host of memorable Dickens characters.

One moment he was evil Ebenezer, refusing to give to the poor, the next he was his overworked and underpaid clerk, Bob Cratchit, trying to calm his sick son, and then a moment later he was the ghost of his business partner and fellow miser, Jacob Marley. David Mynne is not only a fine actor (and veteran of Cornwall's



famous Kneehigh Theatre) he's also a wonderful story teller and a mime artist, who almost managed to convince us that his knitted scarf really was poor Tiny Tim and it really was talking to him. It was the kind of show not seen in the hall for a long time, and over 40 people turned out to sit at candlelit tables, with supper and drinks, to enjoy a dramatic tour de force. And though Charles Dickens' story of our failure to care for the poor is 174 years old, this production made it seem as relevant today as it was then.



### Mary, Joseph and a Dash of Ketchup

Another year, another Mary and Joseph, but Ketchup the Shetland pony was back again as usual on 23 December to give another immaculate performance as the donkey in the St Andrew's, Clayhidon crib service.

This year Evelyn Tonkin was Mary, Tristan Alers-Hankey was Joseph and Lydia Persey (right) brought Ketchup. Inside the church, which had been beautifully decorated with flowers and candles, a large cast of shepherds, kings and readers gave an enchanting retelling of the Christmas story, in which Clayhidon and the Blackdowns were compared with Bethlehem. It was watched by an enthusiastic audience of parents and grandparents and overseen by the Rector, the Rev David Burton.



He wasn't actually in the St Andrew's nativity play but that didn't stop 17-month-old Thomas Blackmore playing a starring role and shining brightly in the aisle while Clayhidon children and teenagers got on with the serious business of telling the Christmas story.



### Carols By Candlelight

The Bishopswood Belles hand bell ringers got an audience in the mood for Christmas on 15 December, when they and organist Brenda Persey led a Carols by Candlelight evening in Clayhidon Parish Hall. Members of the hall committee served hot mulled drinks and mince pies and the event raised over £175 for Devon Air Ambulance.



### Headless Chickens Win Quiz

The Headless Chickens are this year's Brains of Clayhidon after the closest parish quiz for years, when they beat the Deadbeats in a tie-break. The winning team - Julie and Stephen Bullitt and Jonathan and Sally Hebler - are pictured with Jeremy Cogswell, who stepped in at the last minute to run the event on 2 December. The usual quizmaster, Peter Walter, had prepared all the questions but was unable to attend. Last year's winners, Alas Smith and Saunders, came third. The event raised over £340 for hall funds.

### Moose Head Blues Band

If you like your blues to sound like the artists might have been weaned on pure Mississippi moonshine then you'll love the fantastic Moosehead Blues Band, who play at Clayhidon Parish Hall on Saturday 24 February.

They perform a wide range of blues and rock styles, from Broonzy and Williamson, through Clapton and Hendrix, from old, deep and dark to more up to date numbers, some self-penned. The band features Robert West on guitar and vocals, Nick Girone-Maddocks on bass and Glen Dawson-Davey on drums. And they are all from the Deep South (of Somerset).

Be prepared to kick back and groove, or to dance the night away - you decide! The gig starts at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00. Tickets £8. Pre-booked supper £5. To book call Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email [carouselle@btinternet.com](mailto:carouselle@btinternet.com).



### West End Theatre Comes to Clayhidon

National Theatre Live's smash-hit broadcast of the original West End production of The Audience – featuring Helen Mirren's multi-award-winning performance as Queen Elizabeth II – will be screened at Clayhidon Parish Hall on Friday 16 March.

Now for the first time a local audience can experience the thrill of having the best seat in a top West End theatre, thanks to the NT Live Encore scheme

For 65 years, Queen Elizabeth II has met with each of her Prime Ministers in a private weekly meeting, known as The Audience. No one knows what they discuss, not even their spouses.

From the old warrior Winston Churchill, to the Iron Lady Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair right up to the present day the Queen advises her Prime Ministers on all matters both public and personal. Through these private audiences, we see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch.

TICKETS: £8 Available in advance from [lucyball132@btinternet.com](mailto:lucyball132@btinternet.com) tel. 01823 680607. Doors open 7.00pm, show starts at 7.30. Ice cream, snacks and a licensed bar.

## Clayhidon Parish Council Update February 2018

Clayhidon Parish Council held meeting in December. A brief summary of the business conducted at the meeting is as follows:-

### Planning

Applications received for:-

- 17/01861/FULL. Land at NGR 315530 116722, The Gallop, Clayhidon. Erection of a general purpose agricultural building.
- 17/01869/HOUSE. Crockers Farm, Hemyock. Erection of first floor extension and re-roofing of building.
- 17/01870/LBC. Crockers Farm, Hemyock. Listed Building Consent for the erection of first floor extension, re-roofing of building and internal alterations.

### Finance

Income – rent.

Expenditure – admin. costs.

The following grants were awarded:-

- Cameo Club, Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre - £130
- Tiverton & District Community Transport – £70
- St Mary's PCC Hemyock - £65.00
- Clayhidon Parish Hall - £2,000.00
- St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (churtyard maintenance) - £540.00
- Blackdown Support Group - £500.00

The council has set the precept for 2018/2019 at £8,300.00 increasing the cost for a Band D property from £36.16 to £37.62 per annum.

### Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is **0345 155 1004**. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

### Police

101 - The non-emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police. Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. Always call 999 in an emergency.

### Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a trained lengthsman. Please report any problems with ditches/drains to the clerk or a councillor.

### Defibrillators

When walking past either of the 2 defibrillators in the village please have a glance and make sure the green 'rescue ready' indicator is on. If it is red, please report to the clerk or directly to the number displayed in the cabinet. Annual defibrillator training (with Culmstock & Hemyock) is provided by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust and will be held on Tuesday 30th January 7-9pm Half Moon Inn, please come along.

### Litter Pick

Litter pickers are sought – please meet at 2pm on Sunday 25th March at the Parish Hall car park. Grab sticks and fluorescent jackets will be provided! Please email or phone Alison Weekes to volunteer - telephone 681093 or alisonweekes@gmail.com

### Local Tradespeople

From time to time the parish council employs people to carry out tasks on its behalf. These tasks range from repairing a wall, improving and repairing footpaths, gates and bridges, clearing ditches, and other general maintenance works. The parish council is keen to use local tradespeople and to that end if you would be interested in quoting

for any such works then please contact the clerk giving your contact details and the types of work you are interested in and your details will be held on file.

### And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the second Monday of every other month in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Monday 19th February 2018. (A planning meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the alternate month, if necessary). Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at [www.clayhidon.org](http://www.clayhidon.org) and a schedule of meetings may be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

*Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN. Tel: 01823 680968. Email: [clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com).*

## Clayhidon Friends

### January 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 Meeting

What better way to welcome the New Year than to gather together and share experiences and memories whilst imbibing of some Mulled Wine and superb sausage rolls and chocolate brownies provided by Sarah and Tina.

Sarah started the "Bring and Tell" Evening by showing us one of the tools of her trade in Midwifery. This was a Pinnard's Foetal Stethoscope. First used as far back as 1650, but used for general heart monitoring and then to listen to the baby's heartbeat. An unprepossessing trumpet like instrument, so simple, but so effective.

Angela told us of a young boy who used to pass with his seven siblings each day on his way to school. Angela and her husband gave them chocolates one year at Christmas and gathered things throughout the year. By the next Christmas there was an eighth child. Leading up to the next Christmas there were several knocks on the door by the eldest boy with various questions. Just before Christmas he presented her with two pompoms for her and her husband. Angela was so struck with how simple they were, but had been made with warmth of spirit. She was very impressed by how whole family were united, how well-mannered and, how well turned out they were.

Carol showed us two wooden dolls which had been given to her when she lived in Boston and had joined in with a Quilting Group. They thought that as she was English she would know what they were, but she was equally mystified. We all examined the armless, period dressed ladies and came up with various thoughts from lace making bobbins, Amish woodworking or simply just beautifully lathed, tactile ornaments.

Linda had recently been on a fantastic holiday to China and visited the Three Gorge Dam. The peasant locals living simple lives had all been forcibly rehoused in very high rise flats to make way for the Dam that had taken 10 years of 24 hour pouring of concrete. It has successfully provided energy for the area and paid for itself. She had some humorous anecdotes to relate as to how the Chinese did not understand our manners and frequently came out with not quite accurate statements.

Anne had brought a very small girl's shoe which was discovered in her chimney twenty two years ago, hanging on a hook, with a piece of paper from previous owners explaining they had found it in the rafters. The house has been added onto throughout time, but the chimney was made with stone taken from Dunkeswell Abbey. Anne had researched the custom of putting either a shoe or item of clothing within the makings of buildings. It is thought that it was often a child's shoe, the

child being pure of spirit, to ward off the Devil. There is a Museum in Norfolk which has undertaken to record findings. Shoes are especially used as a lucky talisman and a sign of wealth. This is also why shoes are traditionally tied to the back of a wedding car.

Margaret told us of her strict Victorian Grandmother who had worked in large country estates and in her words 'seen it all', at the weekend Shooting Parties. The Grandmother was very strict with Margaret and used to tie a strip of wood to her back and head to encourage a straight back. Her Grandmother maintained that if you had to shop more than once a week, you were not a good Manager and to demonstrate how they did it in those days Margaret displayed a wooden board with essential items printed on it and a tiny flick peg by each item. When the time came to replenish an item the flick peg would be turned over to display the red side.

Another Grandmother story was shared by Lynda. She produced four crystal balls of equal small size. Lynda explained these sat on her Grandmother's narrow 1930's tiled fireplace. When her friends came round, she would tell their fortunes by the aid of the balls three stuck together side by side and the fourth on top. Being a typical curious girl, whilst her Grandmother was out room, Lynda picked them up. To her horror she dropped them and they separated. To her everlasting regret Lynda never owned up, just quietly putting them back on the mantelpiece. So much did her dishonesty trouble her that when her Grandmother died she asked if she could have them and still to this day they remind her to be honest.

Hemyock Castle was then brought into the discussion by Ruth, who lives nearby. She has seen various occupants live there. Firstly Farmers, then University folk, who tried to farm and shared two teats each whilst milking the cow to the present owners Captain Shepherd and family. They had a Filipino lady work for them, who Ruth got to know well. When her Visa run out she had to return to the Philippines but often returned on holiday with gifts of pineapples and rice. She lost everything in the Tsunami and the Hemyock villagers all clubbed together to send money towards replacing her son's boat. He named it Hemyock Castle.

Continuing with a Chinese theme Helen showed us a two inch high statue of a green horse with dark mane. She explained the set of eight horses, all with different stances had been sent to her Mother by her brother who was away with the Royal Engineers. A complete collection is thought to be very valuable. Unfortunately, although well packed each of the eight horses was damaged in one way or another. As the family rarely saw Helen's brother, a gift was very precious, despite the disappointment of the damage.

Car Boots can indeed produce treasure and Mickey bought along two small prints from one such outing. Not thinking much of them she displayed them because she liked them. Then on a whim she thought she would find out more about them and was thrilled to learn they were original drawings by Arthur Packham the Illustrator of Wind in the Willows and Alice in Wonderland. Now beautifully framed they take pride of place on her wall.

As you can see from the above The Clayhidon Friends Group have many enjoyable evenings either making our own entertainment at the Parish Hall or jaunts out, or welcoming some very interesting Speakers. We warmly welcome new members and any who are interested in joining our meetings the second Thursday each month please contact Anne Langford on 01823 680086.

*Lynda Ridout*

## Rosemary Lane Chapel

### Easter Services

#### Good Friday

#### Bible Teaching Meetings

Speaker: Ian Coffey,

Author & Vice Principle of Moorlands Bible College

3:30pm & 6:30pm

Tea served during the interval

Evening worship led by DCYC Band

#### Easter Sunday

#### All Age Family Service

11:00 am

#### Evening Service

6:30pm

Speaker: Jonathan Hillman

*All Welcome!*



## News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

We are never more conscious of time than when we enter a New Year – hopefully we are filled with anticipation for the year ahead, often we are reflective on the year past – some of which we may well want to forget and leave behind, but for each of us there is always cause for thankfulness.

Christmas at Rosemary Lane Chapel was a wonderful time of fellowship and thankfulness – time together celebrating the arrival of the one whom Paul the Apostle calls the 'indescribable gift' – That is, Jesus Christ. Our Christmas tea service commenced our calendar of Christmas activities on the 10th December and enabled us to extend a warm welcome to many visitors from the wider community and share in the first of many mince pies and other seasonal fayre. A good time was had by all at our Christmas family service which saw our young people take the lead and, in an imaginative way, reopen the Christmas story to each of us in attendance. This was followed by the intimacy of candle lit carols in the evening. On Christmas day I did my best to provide everyone with what they wanted for Christmas... a service that finished at the time I had promised – much to my own surprise, I delivered.

Of course, whilst Christmas is a time of celebration and rejoicing, it is for many a season of sadness. Indeed, we at Rosemary Lane Chapel awoke on Christmas Eve to the sad news that our dear sister Olive Burston had passed away in the night after a battle with cancer. Olive was an incredible blessing to us as a fellowship over the years and will be remembered with thankfulness for her servant-heartedness, devoted prayerfulness and passion for the Lord. We are also thankful that, in our sadness, we are comforted by the knowledge that Olive has gone to be with her Lord and Saviour. At the time of reading, Olive's thanksgiving service will have taken place at Rosemary Lane Chapel on the 20th January.

As I put pen to paper, or indeed finger to key, our house is presently strewn with boxes containing Christmas decorations that have been taken down, packed up and now awaiting the annual trip back up the ladder and into the loft. It also seems as though the excitement of the season has dissipated in a house dominated by the anticipation of two small boys... Emma, my wife, would tell you this excitement is fuelled by the biggest kid of all, me. However, whilst the fleeting excitement of Christmas is packed away for another year, the lasting joy of Immanuel – God with us – remains! Indeed, the hope that springs in the arrival of our King causes us to cast our eyes to another season of celebration, Easter.

Over the months of February and March our thoughts in the Church will inevitably turn towards the very purposes of God, who drew near to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. The life that lay cradled in a manger would prove to be completely devoted to the purposes of procuring our redemption – from cradle to the cross – Christ lived, died and rose again in power that we might know the limitless love of God and be recipients of His extraordinary mercy and grace. Easter is a time of sadness and joy – the sadness of Good Friday and Jesus' death upon the cross gives way to a joy that rises as Christ himself bursts forth from the grave having defeated the power of sin and death. We at Rosemary Lane will be taking opportunity to remember with thankful hearts our saviour who died for us, who rose again, and reigns victorious. We extend a very warm welcome to all who wish to join us for our Good Friday services (see attached details) and our Family service on Easter Sunday – when, with joy filled hearts, we declare of our Saviour, 'He is risen.'

Jonathan Hillman  
Rosemary Lane Chapel



### The Repair Revolution is Coming to the Blackdowns!

Start searching your lofts, scouring your garages and rummaging in your spare rooms for those broken, and sometimes cherished, items that otherwise might end up in landfill. On Saturday 24th March, at Hemyock Village Hall, there will be experts on hand who will try their best to lovingly restore them to full working order, all for the "price" of a small donation!

Over the past few months, we've been gathering together volunteer repairers with skills in clothing and textiles, bikes, small electrical appliances, garden tools, small items of furniture, computers and toys who are happy to pass on their knowledge and expertise so that fewer items that could otherwise be repaired find their way to the tip. Other than the obvious environmental advantages, this is a wonderful way to pass on much needed skills (people bringing items for repair are encouraged to watch and learn from their volunteer "buddy") while, at the same time, honouring those who have these, often dying, skills.

We could still do with one or two more qualified "sparks" and "computer buffs" on our team and as we are, initially at least, only going to run the Repair Cafe once every two months (on the fourth Saturday of March, May etc), hopefully this won't be too onerous. So, if this could be YOU, please get in touch because you'll be helping a great community initiative get up and running!

Pop the date - Saturday, 24th March - in your diary and come along to celebrate the launch of our new Repair Cafe. Look out for further details on our Facebook page (RepairCafeBlackdowns) and here next month.

And, oh yes, did I mention there will be cake?

Trisha Comrie (E: trishacomrie@gmail.com T: 01823 602908)  
Blackdown Hills Transition Group

Churchstanton school PTA

## Spring Meat Bingo

Churchingford village hall

### 9th March

Doors open at 7:00pm | Eyes down at 7:30pm

### Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Gathering

This is an advance notice to say the show will be held next year on Sunday 12th August 2018 at Uplowman Village Hall.

Please put this date into your diaries now.

Lindy Astbury, Secretary

### "Villages in Action" events at Sheldon Village Hall

Great News!: "Villages in Action", the rural touring scheme that brings top quality professional arts events to rural communities in Devon is back for Spring 2018 and, with their support, we will once again be having some fantastic events in Sheldon Village Hall in the coming months.

The first event is **Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm** when **The Devil's Violin** bring their show "Stolen" to Sheldon. This is fairytales for grown-ups. An evocative theatre show which combines storytelling and live music. Epic narratives brought to life by master raconteur, Daniel Morden, with sublime stringed accompaniment from virtuoso musicians Sarah Moody and Oliver Wilson-Dickson. Stolen is a tale of lost loves, bravery and above all else, hope. It is suitable for everyone age 10+.

**"A scintillating combination of music, sound and story"** – *The Times*.

Tickets for this event cost £8 adult and £6 child and can be booked now: Tel 07999 538408 or by emailing: smurphy315bb@gmail.com

Doors for this event open at 7pm, licenced bar and other refreshments will be available, the show begins at 7.30 pm.

Other events to follow at Sheldon Village Hall:  
Friday 9th March 7.30pm Lily Neill – Celtic Harpist – she has performed solo concerts and enthralled audiences from Chicago to Paris, Moscow and Tatarstan and now is coming to Sheldon! Tickets £10 adult and £6 child

Friday 13th April 7.30pm Melange – music from the Mediterranean and North Africa Tickets £10 adult and £5 child

These all promise to be tremendous entertainment and it is great to have these professional performances in the heart of our village. Our previous Villages In Action events were a great success and tickets sold out well in advance so please book early to ensure your ticket.

**UFFCULME ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**



Our sixty allotments are sited at the very top of Clay Lane. The site is well established and friendly. If you're interested in renting a plot (20m x 3.4m) and joining our *Grow Your Own* band, please contact us for details and to arrange a look around.

Contact : Pete Best mob: 07703 185040 e-mail: petebestuk@yahoo.co.uk

### Commercial Advertising

Advertisements are renewed on an annual basis commencing with the April edition. However, we do accept advertisements with each edition, if there is space. The charge will be on a pro-rata basis for the remaining editions before the next annual renewal.

If you would like to place a commercial advertisement, please contact [pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk](mailto:pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk). Next deadline for enquiries: **1 March 2018** for the April 2018 edition.

### Uffculme Army Cadet Force (A.C.F.)



I'm sure that some of you have seen the Army cadets out at events like the Remembrance Parade, Uffculme show or just noticed us about. We are located within the small hall beside the primary school on Ashley Road, Uffculme.



### Ever wondered what happens inside?

We parade every Monday and Wednesday evening at 7:30pm until 9:30pm for 12 to 18 year olds and are free to attend but with small charges for weekends and longer camps during the Easter break and Summer holidays. We take part in a variety of activities including shooting in our own indoor range, camouflage and concealment, first aid, navigation, group activities and much more which are life skills which are all learnt on these evenings and the camps with other cadets from all over Devon, just under 1000 of us!

What we do is based on the core values of the Army, but we are not the army, we are the biggest youth group organisation within the UK from which qualifications like BTEC, NVQ, St John's First Aid and numerous others that we can gain here in the UK and even overseas. But more importantly memories and friendships that will last a life time.

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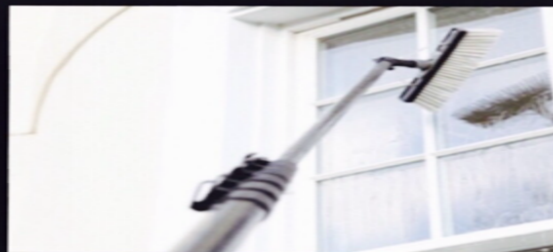
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